19.11.93. No tax was to be paid for the period from 01.12.87, as the High Court had fixed a monthly rent of Rs. 6000/- p.m. inclusive of taxes. w.e.f. 01.12.87.

The Department was compelled to vacate the premises and shift the post office as the Court of the Rent Controller ordered termination of the tenancy which was sought for by the former landlord. Thereafter, a decree was issued by the 4th Joint Civil Judge, Nagpur to execute vacation of the premises. Under these compelling circumstances the Laxmi Nagar Post Office was shifted to the premises of Shankar Nagar Post Office which is about 1.2 Km. away. However, the Department is making earnest efforts to locate a suitable alternative accomodation to shift the Post Office in the area, so that the residents do not face any hardship in availing postal facilities.

Non-Functional Telephones at the constituencies of MPs from Aajya Sabha Sabha

7923. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the telephones installed at the constituencies of Members of the Rajya Sabha are not working; and

(b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

New Telephone Exchange at Padamathur in Tamil Nadu

7924. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open a new telephone exchange at Padamathur, near Sivagangai, in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what would be the capacity of the exchange and whether it would be a manual or an electronic one;

(c) whether the subscribers have been allowed to start filing their applications for new connections and if so how many applications have been registered so far;

(d) whether there is any likelyhood of delay in its commissioning; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the exchange is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It would be an electronic exchange of 88 Lines capacity.

(c) Yes Sir, 65 applicants have regis tered so far, for new connections.

(d) and (e) No Sir. The telephone exchange is likely to be commissioned during the current financial year 1995-96.

Promotins in DoT

7925. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DoT had issued orders on the 11th January, 1993 regarding promotion of its employees as per the Supreme Court's direction;

(b) if so, what are the details of the orders and from when these orders came into effect;

(c) what are the cadre-wise details of the Gazetted and Non-Gazetted